

Scoring Garden, Muratore Quits Chicago Opera

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Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Lucien Muratore, leading tenor of the Chicago Opera Company, will not sing with the organization next season. The French tenor says he can no longer sing under the direction of Miss Mary Garden. Three companies have offered him an engagement, he declares, but he has not accepted any. One is said to be from the Metropolitan of New York.

"For Miss Garden as an artist I have the highest admiration," Muratore declared. "I am pleased to sing with her because she is the great artist. But as director of the company in which I am to sing—no, no, I do not like the way she has spoken to me. She is too capricious. One day she is nice and the next she will not even say 'Good morning.'"

The End, Says Miss Garden.

"This is the end," exclaimed Miss Garden, when she had learned of Muratore's remarks. "It is the last remark she made. It is the end of foreign domination in the Chicago opera. From now on Americans, and not foreigners, will be given the preference. We will have a little American dictatorship for a while and see how it works out. It is a great pity to see an artist of the value of Muratore so badly counseled."

Howard Potter, private secretary to Miss Garden, amplified the director's statement by saying:

"Miss Garden is through. Muratore has been given every consideration in his opera. He had an exclusive contract. He could say what roles he wanted and when indisposed to sing could name his understudy."

Muratore and Miss Garden, his wife, leave for New York to-morrow on the Twentieth Century Limited for the opening of the New York season of the Chicago company.

The real reason for the tenor's decision to part company with Miss Garden is believed to lie in the attitude of the director general toward Mrs. Cavallieri, who was to have made her debut with the organization last week evening of the season. For some reason as yet unexplained the performance was canceled.

Mrs. Cavallieri, asked why she had not sung, shrugged her shoulders, munched a doughnut and said only that the Chicago climate did not agree with her.

"I have a cold this year," she added; "the weather here is not like that of Italy. My husband can sing, and I can eat doughnuts."

Tilt With Business Manager.

Readjustment of the company's affairs for next year were responsible for a sharp tilt between Muratore and the business manager, Shaw, last Monday to his legitimate bills. When Mr. Muratore submitted his statement for the season, it was reported, among its items, that he was to receive \$10,000 for his services for himself, his wife and his valet. In cutting expenses for next year, the financial experts of the company notified the French artist that his future salary would cover only flat salary, Mr. Muratore objected.

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Mrs. William E. Vanderbilt 3d will give a dance to-night at 666 Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Joseph Palmer Knapp will give a luncheon, followed by bridge, to-day at 347 Fifth avenue.

Mrs. L. Havemeyer Butt of Tuxedo Park entertained a party of friends at luncheon at the Avignon yesterday.

Mrs. Amaden is passing the winter with her daughter, Mrs. James B. Hargis at 1 East Fifty-fourth street.

Mrs. Francis S. Hutchins will give a luncheon to-day for her daughter, Miss Katherine V. White, at 840 Park avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Milbank will hold a reception this afternoon in their new home at 117 East Fifty-fifth street.

Mrs. William F. Sheehan and Miss Margaret Steward were among those entertained at luncheon yesterday at the St. Regis.

Miss Leila Howard Burden, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Warren Burden, will be married to Mr. Lindley Hoffman Paul Chapin to-day in Grace Church.

Dinner parties to-night will be given by Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt and Mrs. Preston Pope Satterwhite, at their homes, by Mrs. Arthur B. Twombly at the St. Regis and Mrs. Richard V. Lindabury at the Plaza.

Mr. and Mrs. William De Forest Marston of Westbury, L. I., are at 18 East Eighty-second street for the winter, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Penbody of Old Westbury are at the Vanderbilt Hotel.

Mrs. William G. Rockefeller will give a dinner and dance to-night in Sherry's for her niece, Miss Isabel Rockefeller. The guests, principally debutantes, will be in rustic costumes.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel R. Landon upon the birth of a son last Friday at the home in Mount Kisco, N. Y. Mrs. Landon is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark Baldwin.

Miss Isabel MacMillin gave a luncheon yesterday at Sherry's for her cousin, Miss Margaret Clark MacMillin. The other guests were the Misses Carlotta Havemeyer, Nina Chaitlin, Marjorie Taylor, Dorothy Morrill, Margery Devlin, Miss Phyllis and Fricella Baldwin, Thompson, Anne Burr, Helen Friebe Wardlaw, Peggy Stout, Margaret Power and Frances McCon.

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